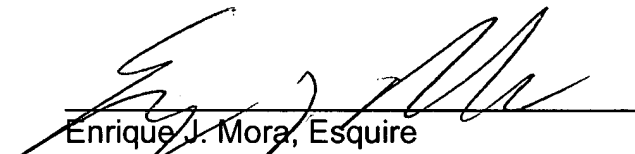


REMARKS

The "Amendments to the specification" section of the non-compliant amendment has been corrected as requested by the Examiner, to submit the entire paragraph and not just one line of the paragraph.

The applicant appreciates the Examiner's efforts for conducting a thorough examination, and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney if there are any outstanding items that may be resolved via telephone conference.

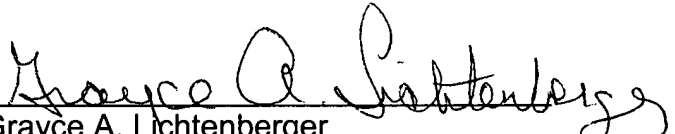
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